



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 966**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY INJURY  
RATES IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public  
2       Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall,  
3       within available appropriations, establish a pilot program to study the  
4       incidence of injuries, and concussions in particular, to high school  
5       students during participation in interscholastic athletic activities. The  
6       Commissioner of Public Health shall make grants-in-aid from available  
7       funds to twenty high schools for the purpose of monitoring such  
8       injuries during a two-year period and reporting the occurrence of such  
9       injuries to the Commissioner of Public Health, in the form and manner  
10      prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health. Any high school  
11      that receives a grant-in-aid shall monitor and report such injuries with  
12      the cooperation of the school athletic director, licensed athletic trainers  
13      that provide services to the school, any physician associated with the  
14      school athletic program and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic  
15      Conference. The Commissioner of Public Health may accept funds  
16      from private and federal government sources for the purpose of  
17      making such grants-in-aid.

18      (b) Not later than one year after commencement of a pilot program,  
19      as described in subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of

20 Public Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
21 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the  
22 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
23 health and education. Such report shall include a summary of the  
24 reports submitted to the commissioner in accordance with subsection  
25 (a) of this section and recommendations for decreasing the number  
26 and severity of injuries incurred by students during high school  
27 athletic activities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**PH**        *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**ED**        *Joint Favorable*